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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Docket No. 2821-205WOUS

Daniel Wildmann, et al.

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- Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION TO FILING RECEIPT

Dear Sir:

Upon review of the Filing Receipt sent by the USPTO to the undersigned attorney for the above-identified application, it is noticed that the total number of claims and the number of independent claims listed does not comport with the number of claims remaining after the requested claim amendments found in the Preliminary Amendment which was filed together with the present application. It is also noticed that the applicants incorrectly listed the total number of claims on page 2 of the Transmittal Letter that accompanied the present application at the time of filing. In view of these errors, applicants wish to clarify the total number of claims at the time of filing in view of the Preliminary Amendment. The International Application originally contained claims 1-10, all of which were cancelled within the preliminary application. New claims 11-35 were added, of which claims 11, 27, and 33 are

independent. Hence, at the time of filing there were 25 claims total, of which 3 were independent.

In the event any fee is due in view of the correct number of claims, please charge our Deposit Order Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,
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